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In re Application of: PATEL, Arvind D.

Serial No.: 09/770,848

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS FILING DATE GRANTED

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$\boxtimes$	Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors, Arvind D. Patel;				
	A Power of Attorney on behalf of ;				
	A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status executed on behalf of ;				
$\boxtimes$	A Request for Extension of Time of one month to and including July 11, 2001.				
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Applicant hereby requests for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Applicant's representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No.

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Respectfully submitted,

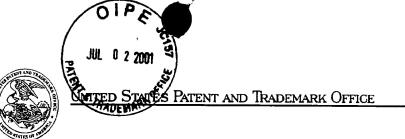
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### NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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